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SUBJECT:	Strategic Warning - Status of

- 1. Efforts to get the informal concurrence of USIB principals in the draft approved by the Ad Hoc Committee on 11 December (attached) have run into several snags.
- 2. In the Definition (para. 2), NSA wants to change the listed countries from "the Soviet Union, Warsaw Pact, the PRC, or North Korea" to "the Soviet Union, the PRC, or any other potential adversary." This broadening of the definition will almost certainly be unacceptable to all other USIB principals, with the possible exception of State. Given the agonizing we have had during the last three months over this definition, I urge we try to hold to the current draft.
- 3. Para. 3. b. reflects DIA's strong desire to avoid bureaucratic delays in the "issuance of warning notices to DOD entities. Proctor objects strongly to simultaneous dissemination to USIB principals and the DCI, unless time is of the essence. Under normal circumstances he wants warning notices to go initially only to the DCI. I think Proctor's position is strong: it preserves the principle of the DCI's primary role and responsibility for strategic warning, without inhibiting rapid action when time is of the essence. A copy of his proposed revision is attached. DIA is likely to dig in its heels on this one.
- 4. Para. 5. a. is still unresolved. DIA originally wanted the words "nominated by DIR/DIA and appointed by the DCI" but were persuaded to accept "appointed by the DCI in consultation with DIR/DIA." Proctor objects and suggests "appointed by the DCI in consultation with USIB principals." Since this would do nothing to accommodate DIA's position, I see no point in it. Moreover, "in consultation with DIR/LIA" strikes me as purely cosmetic since it in no way limits the DCI's

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discretion in choosing whom he wants. I don't understand why Proctor is balking on this one and suggest we try to hold the line.

5. Proctor has proposed three other changes—in paras. 3. d.,
4. b., and 6. I see no serious problems in getting them accepted by the other agencies.

6. Proctor wants to meet with you on this in the near future.

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he DCI	his new responsibility on 3 March. Given that timing, and is other preoccupations, I see no urgency in getting the /5 to USIB.

8. Depending on the outcome of your meeting with Proctor, you may wish to try to resolve outstanding differences directly with Graham and Allen. Or I can continue to work the problem through the Ad Hoc Committee representatives. If we get no agreed draft within a couple of weeks, I suggest we brief the DCI on the outstanding disagreements and, with his concurrence, let them be thrashed out in a formal USIB session.

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